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HOUSE BILL NO. 721

97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE GRISAMORE.

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D. ADAM CRUMBLISS, Chief Clerk

AN ACT

To amend chapter 453, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to foster children.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 453, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 453.350, to read as follows:

**453.350. 1. Beginning July 1, 2014, all Missouri foster children fifteen years of age
2 or older shall thereafter receive a visit to a Missouri state university, or a Missouri state
3 community or technical college in the foster child's area before the foster child may be
4 adopted or otherwise terminated by foster care unless waived by the family support team.
5 Such visit shall be in addition to any other services that older youth are usually provided
6 and shall include the entry application process, financial support application and
7 availability, career options with academic or technical training, a tour of the school, and
8 other information and experience desired.**

**9 2. Beginning July 1, 2014, all youth in the division of youth services program fifteen
10 years of age or older shall receive a visit to a Missouri state university, or a Missouri state
11 community or technical college in the youth's area before the youth's custody or training
12 is completed unless waived by the family support team. Such visit shall be in addition to
13 any other services that older youth are usually provided and shall include the entry
14 application process, financial support application and availability, career options with
15 academic or technical training, a tour of the school, and other information and experience
16 desired.**

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EXPLANATION — Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted from the law. Matter in **bold-face** type in the above bill is proposed language.